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Paul Urges President-Elect to Promote Education Tax Cuts *Congressman's Legislative Proposals Enjoy Bipartisan Support*

Washington, D.C.- Congressman Ron Paul sent a letter to President-elect George W. Bush today, urging the fellow Texan to promote education tax cuts as the cornerstone of his new administration's education agenda. Paul's letter noted that the Bush campaign platform included joining education reform with tax relief, an approach which Paul long has supported.

"The American people seek educational reform that will empower teachers, parents, and indeed all consumers of educational services," Paul stated in the letter. "There is no better way to achieve that key central goal of your campaign than through the adoption of a package of education-related taxpayer relief."

In particular, Paul stressed the need for tax credits or deductions for parents paying tuition expenses at all grade levels, including college. He also encouraged tax relief for teachers as a means of effectively boosting their take-home pay without increasing spending by local school districts. Paul has introduced or cosponsored several bills in the 106th Congress which provide education-related tax relief, and has been a leader in the effort to return control over education to parents, teachers, and local communities.

"Education tax cuts enjoy popular bipartisan support," Paul stated. "Parents want more control over how their education dollars are spent. Tax credits permit them to spend money directly on their children's education, rather than sending it to Washington. I hope that President-elect Bush will join me in advancing needed education tax reform."